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REMARKS

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1.

air force units stationed in Finow included a division headquarters on Poststrasse, a battalion headquarters on Pappelallee, another battalion headquarters on Biesenthaler Strasse, and two air force administrative staffs. A 2d and 3d AF Bn were also stationed in Finow and the 1st Bn was located at an undetermined place. (1)

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three twin-jet bombers had also been stationed at the field for 5 or 6 weeks. (2) The air force personnel at Finow airfield were allegedly to be transferred soon to Wernauchen and jet bombers were to be stationed in Finow. (3)

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2. From 8:30 to 11 a.m. on 17 August, 31 swept-back jet fighters, 2 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 1 twin-engine plane were observed at the field. (4)

One swept-back jet fighter occupied by one man and two single-engine low-wing monoplanes took off at intervals of about 20 minutes. Visibility was good and the sky was slightly cloudy. Trucks

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entered and left the field. Five trucks, 3 jeeps, and 1 radio truck were parked at the take-off point. The radio installation, previously seen east of the field in the extension of the runway, was unchanged. (5)

3. Between 3:30 and 5 p.m. on 24 August, 38 swept-back jet fighters, 4 biplanes, and 3 twin-engine low-wing monoplanes were observed at the field.

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Four swept-back jet fighters landed at the field. Later they took off for individual flights.

4. About 11 a.m. on 22 August, about 30 MiG-15s, 6 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 3 biplanes were parked at the field.

Some

of the alert planes had aluminum-colored auxiliary fuel tanks

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fitted at the end of the second third of the wings.

(6) A MiG-15 with an auxiliary fuel tank took off from the field. Its landing was not observed. Motor vehicles observed included trucks

sedan and radio truck which was seen parked in the northeastern corner of the field.

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5. At 2:30 p.m. on 25 August, 6 single-engine planes, 4 biplanes, and about 36 MiG-15s were observed at the field. MiG-15s parked on the eastern edge

all these planes had auxiliary fuel tanks. The auxiliary fuel tanks which were fitted at the end of the second and the beginning of the outboard third of the wing and projected beyond the leading edge of the wing by about half the width of the wing. An estimated 1,500 to 50X1-HUM air force personnel were stationed in Finow. Tank trucks

truck and sedan entered and left the field. There was no flying from 2 to 3 p.m.

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6. Between 9:30 and 11 a.m. on 21 August, 52 MiG-15s, 3 single-engine low-wing monoplanes, and 3 single-engine biplanes were observed at the field. The number of aircraft has increased steadily since July 1951. MiG-15s parked in the northeastern corner of the field

There was no flying. Motor vehicles observed proceeding between the field and the quarters included: trucks

tank trucks sedans and radio truck with a rod antenna. A new hard surface road led from a point somewhat south of the east end of the runway toward the southwest. Work on this road, which was made of crushed, rubble, was apparently completed. The radio installation east of the field on the extension of the runway was unchanged. The radar set remained its previous location on the northern edge of Finow-North airfield. (7) This set rotated about every 20 seconds. Thirty-eight air force soldiers were counted in the Finowfurt farmhouse. No radio installation was observed there.

7. Between 9:45 and 10:45 a.m. on 23 August, 56 MiG-15s, 3 single-engine planes, and 5 biplanes were observed at the field.

Two MiG-15s took off and 10 landed individually.

The radio installation previously observed in forest Jagen (sub-area) No 174, Spechthausen, was moved to Jagen No 175, 300 meters southwest of its former location

#### Comments.

- (1) The division headquarters is probably the Hq 175th Ftr Div. The two battalion headquarters are probably the headquarters of the two OATBs. The correctness of the numerical designation of the two battalions is doubted since the OATBs are assigned three-digit numbers.
- (2) The arrival of twin-jet aircraft has not been confirmed. It is possible that three jet bombers were temporarily stationed at the field.

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- (3) [redacted] upon completion of construction work, Berneuchen airfield is to be reoccupied by the two bomber regiments which were previously stationed there and which are now at Jueterbog airfield. 50X1-HUM
- (4) The airfield is still occupied by two fighter regiments. The single-engine low-wing monoplanes are probably Yak-11s.
- (5) This is the inner landing beacon. 50X1-HUM
- (6) [redacted] The capacity of the tanks is unknown. [redacted]
- [redacted]
- (7) A Dumbo type set.
- (8) The radio installation, the outer landing beacon, was dismantled at its previous location in July 1951. [redacted]

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